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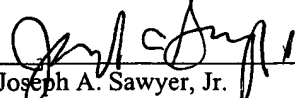Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of watermarking a software object comprising the steps of:

(a)   providing an input sequence; and

(b)   storing [whereby] a watermark [is stored] in the state of the software object as [it]
the software object is being run with [a particular] the input sequence.

2. (Amended) [A] The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the software object [may
be] is a program or a piece of a program.